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## Wisconsin Customers Urged to Reduce Energy Use

MADISON – The last few days have been unseasonably hot. When temperatures reach these levels, energy demand and use increases. Though Wisconsin utilities have been able to meet the state's energy demands, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) is encouraging all customers to be conservative in their energy consumption.

There are several ways that utility customers can help reduce energy use while still staying cool during these hot days.

- Reduce energy use during peak demand hours between noon and 6:00 p.m.
- Turn up air conditioner thermostats to 78 degrees.
- Close windows, drapes, shades and blinds to keep the sun out and cool air in.
- Turn off all unnecessary electronics such as computers, radios and televisions.
- Use natural lighting rather than heat-generating light bulbs.
- Turn off lights when you leave a room.
- Cook outside or with small appliances rather than using the stove or oven.
- Avoid doing laundry or using dishwashers until later in the evening.
- Turn off ceiling fans when you are not in the room.
- Close the doors and shut off registers in rooms not being used.

If all commercial, business and residential customers reduce their energy consumption, we can alleviate stress on the energy system and see savings on energy bills. Please do your part by adopting these practices to reduce energy use in Wisconsin.

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